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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments.

Applicant respectfully requests the Patent Office withdraw the rejection of claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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